

Sheppard Sees Retrial as Boon

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CLEVELAND, June 10—Declaring that a "heinous crime" must be punished, the state of Ohio today ordered a new trial for convicted wife-slayer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Shepard, who served more than nine years in prison for the slaying of his first wife, said he was "all for" a new trial and "eager to attain complete vindication."

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan gave his decision on a new trial today after studying the U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday which said Sheppard did not receive a fair trial in 1954. Corrigan told newsmen he decided on a new trial because he thought that "society has been the victim of a heinous crime, and it demands redress."

Sheppard will be re-tried on a second degree murder charge, the same charge he was convicted of 12 years ago. The trial date will be set by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, but Corrigan said "September would be a good guess." Sheppard will be allowed to post new bond and remain free until the trial date.

Sheppard said he planned no civil action against the press resulting from coverage of his first trial. The Supreme Court said Monday that unrestricted coverage by news media made Sheppard's trial a carnival.

Corrigan said the press



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MARILYN SHEPPARD
... slain in 1954

would not be permitted special seats at the new trials—a privilege which the high court criticized—and all seats would be on a first come, first served basis.

Sheppard has maintained from the start that a "bushy-haired" intruder killed his wife and that he struggled with the slayer but he escaped.

"We will have a tremendous amount of evidence to prove my innocence." The one-time osteopath said. But he declined to discuss what new evidence the defense might present.